

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 438

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Matthew McArthur
upon being chosen Bartlett Police Officer of the
Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Matthew McArthur of the Bartlett Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McArthur was recently chosen Officer of the Year by the Bartlett Police Department, a most befitting honor, as it recognizes the immeasurable contributions he has made to the Bartlett community as a law enforcement professional of superior standards of professional conduct and ethics; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a police officer, Officer McArthur has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, with an enviable reputation for being in the right place at the right time, Officer McArthur has in the last year successfully stopped a planned burglary at a business, interrupted a robbery-in-progress which resulted in two arrests, and made an arrest at a home disturbance and shooting, recovering a stolen gun, a stolen vehicle, and drugs; and

WHEREAS, those closest to Officer McArthur credit his success as a police officer to his inquisitive and investigative nature, his strong work ethic, and his desire to protect people; and

WHEREAS, that desire to protect others led Mr. McArthur to join the United States Marine Corps Reserves, and he is now preparing to serve his second tour of duty in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Matthew McArthur enjoys the love and companionship of his wife, Leslie Ann McArthur, and he is the loving son of Ms. Denby L. Stutz; and

WHEREAS, Matthew McArthur's remarkable success as a police officer is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to relate to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, ever displaying motivation and dedication to the department's mission, Mr. McArthur sacrifices his personal safety on a daily basis to maintain and ensure a stable community for the good people of Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, devoted to the highest ideals of public service, Matthew McArthur epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Matthew McArthur is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Matthew McArthur on his selection as the Bartlett Police Department's Officer of the Year, commend him for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Bartlett, Tennessee, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.